

AN ACT concerning State government.

**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
represented in the General Assembly:**

Section 5. The Department of Veterans Affairs Act is amended by adding Section 7 as follows:

(20 ILCS 2805/7 new)

Sec. 7. Veterans' Memorial Commission. The Veterans' Memorial Commission is created within the Department. The Commission shall gather information on memorial preservation and management and advise State and local governments and other entities in the creation, custody, care, and upkeep of veterans' memorials. The Commission shall conduct studies and make reports regarding the various laws and rules affecting veteran's memorials to determine whether consolidation or other changes in the laws or rules are needed to facilitate memorial preservation and to raise awareness of issues affecting veterans' memorials. The Commission shall be composed of 12 members as follows: 2 members appointed by the President of the Senate, 2 members appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate, 2 members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, 2 members appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives, one representative of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and 3 representatives of different veterans service organizations appointed by the Director of the Department. Members shall serve 2-year terms, without compensation.

Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon becoming law.